

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11 with the following new paragraph:

Rotatable spreader element 32, best shown in FIGURES 2 and 4, may take a variety of structural forms. In the illustrated embodiment, spreader element 32 includes a centrally apertured circular plate 34, a center hub 36 mounted therebeneath, and four evenly spaced, radially extending vanes 38 on the upper side thereof. A fixed motor mounting plate 40 is supported on frame 16 by straps 41 and 43 and includes an opening 44 generally concentric with discharge opening 28. Motor M is secured to the underside of mounting plate 40 by fasteners 45 so that the axis a of the motor drive shaft 42 extends vertically through opening 44. Hub 36 of spreader element 32 receives shaft 42 and is secured thereto such as by a set screw ~~[[45]]~~ 37. Particulate material to be spread is placed within hopper 20, and the rotation of motor M is operable through a shaft extension 42a of shaft 42 coupled with an agitator in the hopper, not shown, to cause the particulate material to flow through opening 28 onto rotating spreader element 32. From spreader element 32, the particulate material is centrifugally propelled outwardly, for example, onto roadway C along which vehicle B is traveling. As so far explained, spreader A is somewhat standard in design and operation.